H. Res. 113

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

March 26, 2003.

- Whereas approximately 3,000,000 reports of suspected or known child abuse and neglect involving 5,000,000 American children are made to child protective service agencies each year;
- Whereas 556,000 American children are unable to live safely with their families and are placed in foster homes and institutions;
- Whereas it is estimated that more than 1,200 children, 85 percent of whom are under the age of 6 years and 44 percent of whom are under the age of 1 year, lose their lives as a direct result of abuse and neglect every year in the United States;
- Whereas this tragic social problem results in human and economic costs due to its relationship to crime and delinquency, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and welfare dependency; and
- Whereas Childhelp USA has initiated a "Day of Hope" to be observed on Wednesday, April 2, 2003, during Child Abuse Prevention Month, to focus public awareness on this social ill: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

- (1) it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—
 - (A) all Americans should keep the victims of child abuse and neglect in their thoughts and prayers;
 - (B) all Americans should seek to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect and to give these victimized children hope for the future; and
 - (C) the faith community, nonprofit organizations, and volunteers across the United States should recommit themselves and mobilize their resources to assist these abused and neglected children; and
 - (2) the House of Representatives—
 - (A) supports the goals and ideals of the "Day of Hope", which was initiated by Childhelp USA; and
 - (B) commends Childhelp USA for all of its efforts on behalf of abused and neglected children throughout the United States.

Attest:

Clerk.